

**From:** erkkifin@mfi.net@inetgw  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
**Date:** 1/15/02 10:44am  
**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

The Microsoft case is a simple matter of some less than successful businessmen and marketers going crying to Congress who being equally inept started an anti-trust suit. Being big and successful is NOT a monopoly. The consumer decides what to buy and if the product is so much better than any competition then the product succeeds. Nobody not Microsoft nobody FORCED anybody to do anything. The OEM s had an option other software and PC makers failed to compete so they went crying for help and the Congress in it s infinite stupidity obliged them. The settlement is not fair because it never should have come to this in the first place. But given the fact that the age of litigation being what it is this is the best a true free spirit and entrepreneur can hope for. Without Bill Gates and the Microsoft enterprise the computer world and millions of jobs would NOT be around today or at least be years behind where we are now. Why do so many people and the Congress resent free success??